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CIA discussed 'using' Oswald

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contrary to sworn testimony, the Central Intelligence Agency once considered using presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union, according to a newly-released CIA document.

In sworn testimony before the Warren Commission, former CIA director Richard Helms said the agency

never had or even contemplated any contacts with Oswald.

The newly-released document, written by an unidentified CIA officer three days after President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, says that "we showed intelligence interest" in Oswald and "discussed . . . the laying on of interviews."

The unidentified officer added: "I do not know what

action developed thereafter."

The memo was among hundreds of pages of documents from the CIA's file on Oswald. The material was released to the Associated Press yesterday under the Freedom of Information Act.

A second document reveals that former CIA director Allen Dulles, while serving as a member of the Warren Commission, pri-

vately counselled CIA officials on the best way to answer questions from the commission about allegations that Oswald was a CIA agent.

The Nov. 25, 1963, memo explains that the agency's interest in Oswald as a potential intelligence source was due to his "unusual behavior in the U.S.S.R." to which he had defected in 1959.

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